

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**



The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) was created through passage of The District of Columbia, Small, Local and Disadvantaged Enterprises Development and Assistance Act of 2005. This legislation transformed the former Office of Local Business Development into a full service cabinet level agency with the goal of providing enhanced business services and advocacy for DC local businesses. The Department's mission is to foster the economic growth and development of small, local and disadvantaged business enterprises (LSDBEs) through legislation, business development programs, advocacy within the public and private sectors, targeted outreach, formation of strategic partnerships, and tracking, monitoring, and enforcing agency and public/private contract compliance. By actively and vigorously pursuing this mission, DSLBD seeks to accomplish three primary outcomes: (1) stimulate and expand the local tax base of the District of Columbia; (2) increase the number of viable employment opportunities for District residents; and (3) extend economic prosperity to local business owners, their employees and the communities they serve. The Department is comprised of several programmatic areas which work in conjunction to sustain and grow small and local businesses.

**The Office of Certification, Compliance and Enforcement**

This office manages the certification of District-based small businesses interested in delivering goods and services to DC government agencies through a competitive procurement process. Compliance with LSDBE utilization targets for both District Agencies and public/private contractors is monitored. Compliance strategies are established to help agencies and businesses achieve LSBDE objectives.

**The Office of Business Opportunities and Access to Capital**

This office provides value added services as an advocate and promoter of local, small and disadvantaged business owners. The office is responsible for ensuring LSDBE participation in the procurement process within the public and private sectors. In addition, the office conducts research and identifies new avenues of business opportunities and access to capital.

**The Office of Training and Education**

This office coordinates training and mentoring programs for local businesses. The office provides assessment and identification of business needs and provides connections to the wide range of business assistance organizations in the District. In addition, the office provides small business development, technical assistance and training at the Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC) located within the Martin Luther King Library at 901 G Street, NW.

***re*STORE DC/DC Main Streets Program**

*re*STORE DC helps revitalize neighborhood business districts and small businesses through design, promotion, economic restructuring, and organization of neighborhood commercial areas. DC Main Streets' goal is to support neighborhood retail investment in the District through retention and expansion services for existing businesses and strategic recruitment of new businesses. DC Main Streets provides five grant cycles of funding and technical assistance to designated Main Street organizations that provide comprehensive revitalization services to strengthen merchants and other businesses, as well as the economic viability of the commercial corridor.

For more information on DSLBD business services, visit us online at <http://dslbd.dc.gov> or [www.reSTOREdc.dc.gov](http://www.reSTOREdc.dc.gov)